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PRISONERS DIE OF STARVATION, DISEASE IN CANTON;
POLITICAL PRISONERS CONFINED IN SECRET JAIL

20 DEATHS PER DAY IN PRISON -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 20 Jun 50

Canton, 19 June -- More than 20 deaths each day from malnutrition, starvation, and disease are reported at the Hsiao-pei Prison in Canton where some 7,000 criminals are imprisoned.

Formerly the prisoners were fed two meals of rice and vegetables each day; now they are fed one bowl each of rice and millet porridge. The diet is unsuitable for southerners who are not used to eating millet porridge. As a result, many prisoners have died from starvation and disease.

REPORT SECRET JAIL IN CANTON -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 31 Jul 50

Canton, 30 July (special to this paper) -- According to a reliable source, the Chinese Communists in Canton have constructed inside a big mansion at Tung-shan, a suburb of Canton, a secret jail to confine political prisoners.

The mansion, located on the Nung-lin-hsia-lu, was seized sometime ago by the CCF and converted into an office for the Intelligence Section, South China Branch Bureau of the CCP Central Committee. One section of the mansion was also assigned for use by military and police authorities to carry on secret work.

The second floor is reported to be occupied by at least 50 women prisoners who were mostly brought over from Kwangtung, Shanghai, and Northeast areas.

The same informant said that a wall was recently built around the mansion and armed guards were posted. According to his estimate, there are some 200 prisoners in the jail at present. He added that very savage torture methods are being used to get confessions from the prisoners.

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During the last 2 weeks, some 120 men and women, accused of subversive activities, were brought in from the Canton area. About half of them were students from universities and middle schools. Three nights ago, three university students, branded as KMT special agents, were taken from the jail at night, placed on a military patrol wagon, and shot at Liu-hua-ch'iso.

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